(b) the extent of rise in prices of vanaspati ghee in the months of December, 1986 and January, 1987 and so far in February, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. The IVPA indicated that the drastic reduction in the allocation of imported oil to the industries would push up the prices of vanaspati and other edible oils and would render the vanaspati industry sick. They suggested for increase in allocation of imported oil for maintaining the vanaspati production at a last year's level.

(b) The prices of vanaspati in Delhi in December, 1986 increased by 6.7 per cent over those in the previous month and in January, 1987 by 5.2 per cent over December, 1986. In February, 1987 the prices generally decreased by 2.1 per cent as compared to January, 1987.

European Economic Community aid for projects in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

436. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Economic Community has offered aid for some development projects in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

The European Economic Community (EEC) has agreed to provide assistance for two development projects given below:—

Uttar Pradesh: Integrated Watershed Management Programme in Ravinous Areas of Chambal and Yamuna Catchments of Uttar Pradesh

The project is aimed at environmental protection and the increasing of Agricultural production and income of small and marginal farmers by protecting table-land against the advance of ravines, levelling and protecting peripheral land, terracing shallow ravines for agricultural purpose, integrating soil conservation with irrigation, intensifying water harvesting techniques for storing run-offs and recharging of ground water, utility plantation for providing fodder and fuel to the local inhabitants, afforestation and development and construction of link roads.

The project will cover an area of 57420 hectares between the river Chambal and Yamuna in the districts of Agra and Etawah of Uttar Pradesh.

The project will be implemented jointly by the Uttar Pradesh Department of Agriculture and the Department of Forests.

Bihar: Co-operative Rural Storage Project, Bihar:

The main objective of the project is to held in the construction of rural godowns, improve agricultural credit and upgrade professional skills and managerial efficiency.

The project will be located in the north and south of Bihar, covering 20 districts. The districts are selected on the basis of their agricultural potential, irrigation and fertiliser consumption.

The project will be implemented by the National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC).

437. [Transferred to the 5th March, 1987]

Development of dry land

438. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes taken up for the development of dry land;

(b) the area in hectares proposed to be developed state-wise, and the financial allocation in this respect; and

(c) what is the role assigned to Voluntary organisations in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A number of schemes have been taken up under the State and Central sectors for the development of drylands. This includes the Seventh Plan Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture' at an outlay of Rs. 239 crores.

(b) The area, state-wise, proposed for the development annually along with financial allocation for works programme under National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture are given in the enclosed statement for 1986-87. (*See* below).

(c) No specific role has been assigned to Voluntary organisations under this scheme.

Statement

State-wise physical targets and annual requirement of funds for the Works programme
(1986-87)

Sl. No.	State	Annual Physical targets (1000 ha.)	Annual Outlay on works component@ Rs. 2500/- ha.	Central share	State share
				(Rs. in Crores)	
1	Andhra Pradesh	32	8·00	4·00	4·00
2	Gujarat	32	8·00	4·00	4·00
3	Haryana	2	0·50	0·25	0·25
4	Karnataka	36	9·00	4·50	4·50
5	Madhya Pradesh	28	7·00	3·50	3·50
6	Maharashtra	40	10·00	5·00	5·00
7	Himachal Pradesh	2	0·50	0·25	0·25
8	Rajasthan	24	6·00	3·00	3.00
9	Uttar Pradesh	16	4·00	2·00	2.00
10	Tamil Nadu	8	2·00	1·00	1·00
11	Bihar	4	1·00	0·50	0·50
12	Orissa	4	1·00	0·50	0·50
13	West Bengal	1·6	0·40	0 20	0·20
14	Kerala	0·8	0·20	0·10	0.10
15	Punjab	0·8	0 20	0·10	0·10
16	Assam	0·8	0.10	0·10	0 10
	TOTAL	232	58.00	29.00	29.00